

**§ 359.33 What happens if I purchase definitive Series I savings bonds in excess of the maximum amount?**

If you have bonds issued during any one calendar year in excess of the prescribed maximum amount, we reserve the right to take any action we deem necessary to adjust the excess. You should obtain instructions for adjustment of the excess from the Bureau of the Public Debt, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, or e-mail at [savbonds@bpd.treas.gov](mailto:savbonds@bpd.treas.gov).

**§ 359.34 May I purchase definitive Series I savings bonds over-the-counter?**

You may purchase definitive bonds over-the-counter through any participating issuing agent.<sup>4</sup> To purchase over-the-counter, you must submit a purchase application, along with payment in the amount of the issue price to an issuing agent. You may use any means of payment acceptable to the issuing agent. You may authorize purchases on a recurring basis in your application. The issuing agent bears the burden of collection and the risk of loss for non-collection or return of the payment.

**§ 359.35 May I purchase definitive Series I savings bonds through a payroll savings plan?**

You may purchase definitive bonds through deductions from your pay if your employer maintains a payroll savings plan. An authorized issuing agent must issue the bonds.

**§ 359.36 May I purchase definitive Series I savings bonds through employee thrift, savings, vacation, and similar plans?**

You may purchase bonds registered in the names of employee plans in authorized denominations through a designated Federal Reserve Bank, as provided in part 360 of this chapter.

<sup>4</sup>However, an organization serving as an issuing agent because of its status as an employer or an organization operating an employer's payroll savings plan under § 317.2(c) may sell bonds only through payroll savings plans.

**§ 359.37 How are definitive Series I savings bonds delivered?**

We deliver definitive bonds by mail to your address. If your address is within the United States, its territories or possessions, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, we will deliver bonds at our risk. Bonds delivered elsewhere will be delivered at your risk; however, at our discretion, we may require delivery to an address within the United States, or refuse delivery to addresses in countries referred to in part 211 of this chapter.

**§ 359.38 How is payment made when definitive Series I savings bonds are redeemed?**

A financial institution qualified as a paying agent under the provisions of part 321 will pay the current redemption value of a definitive Series I bond presented for payment. The bond must meet the requirements for payment specified in part 360. You must establish your identity and entitlement to redemption to the satisfaction of the agent, in accordance with our instructions and identification guidelines, and must sign and complete the request for payment.

**§ 359.39 How are redemption values calculated for definitive Series I savings bonds?**

We determine the redemption value of a definitive savings bonds for the accrual date (the first day of each month) by first determining the composite rate as defined in § 359.13. If the result of the composite rate calculation is a negative value, zero will be the assumed composite rate in the redemption value calculation. Redemption values are calculated using the following formula (For examples of the calculation, see Appendix A to part 359):

$$FV = PV \times \{[1 + (CR \div 2)]^{(m \div 6)}\}$$

Where:

FV (future value) = redemption value on the accrual date rounded to the nearest cent without consideration of penalty.

PV (present value) = redemption value at the beginning of the semiannual rate period calculated without consideration of penalty. For bonds that are older than five years, PV will equal the redemption value at the start of the semiannual rate period.